

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/625,101

Examiner

Michael P. Barker

Applicant(s)

ROTH ET AL.

Art Unit

1626

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/5/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/21/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 1.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant has elected to cancel **Claims 1-15**. **Claims 16-19** are drawn to allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. The addition of **Claims 16-19** is acknowledged, and no new matter has been added by their addition.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant's information disclosure statement(s) (IDS), filed on November, 21 2003 has been considered. Please refer to Applicant's copies of the 1449 submitted herewith.

Examiner's Amendment

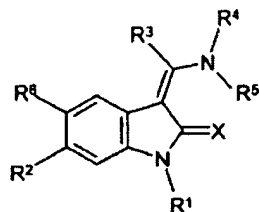
An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mary-Ellen Devlin on January 30, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

1. Cancel Claims 1-15.
2. Claim 19: After the words, "A compound", delete "have", and in its place, add "having".

Reasons for Allowance

The present invention relates to compounds of Formula I, as well as methods of using

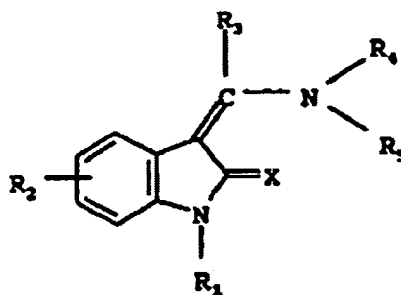


compounds of Formula I:

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The novel and nonobvious aspect of this invention involves the substituents attached to the rings. While there is art which includes the core of Applicant's compound, none of the art claims the precise configuration of substituents as claimed in the instant application. No prior art has been found which precisely claims configuration of Applicant's instantly claimed invention.

The closest prior art is WO/200018734 [hereinafter, "Walter et al."]. Walter et al.



discloses compounds of the formula I:

. However, R₃ of Walter

et al. cannot be a phenyl group substituted by carboxy-C₁₋₃-alkyl or C₁₋₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-C₁₋₃-alkyl group as is claimed in the instant application. Further, the closest prior art does not disclose any species in the instantly claimed genus. Thus, seemingly, the only similarity between the closest prior art and the instantly claimed invention is the indolinone moiety. Thus, while similar to Applicant's claimed invention, Bernstein et al. does not teach or suggest Applicant's instantly claimed invention, nor does it provide motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to synthesize a compound of the instantly claimed Formula I.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Barker whose telephone number is (571) 272-4341. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The unofficial fax phone for this group are (571) 273-8300.

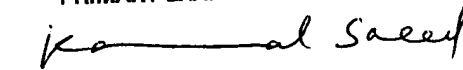
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